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COMMANDING OFFICER'S CORNER

In this Winter issue of the Rudder you'll find some great articles. Among them, Rear Admiral Totushek recognizes the Navy Reserve's 86th birthday and we are introduced to our new Commander-in-Chief, George W. Bush.

You'll also find articles on our new Secretary of Defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld and Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW) Clifford Moser, independent duty corpsman aboard USS Cole.

Of course, you'll find local stories about your fellow reservists. We also say goodbye to Mr. Ben Felix who has been the Assistant Reserve Intelligence Program Officer for Reserve Intelligence Area 15 for the past 18 years. We'll miss you, Ben.

I know you'll enjoy this edition of the Rudder. Chief Orr and JO3 Hunt did a great job putting this edition together. They're already at work on the Spring

edition which will include articles on the BARTO winners and R A D M McLaughlin's visit to NAR Norfolk.

You can get your news and stories into the next edition. Contact JOC Stephen Orr in NAR PAO through our web site or by phone (757) 444-2414.



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ANCHOR TALK

I have been called the "Bull Dog" for the last 13 years. I would like to share something with you -- chasing parked cars during the past few years has put a lot of "knots" on this old dog's head. During this time I have come to realize that I will never win a war against a parked car, nor would I move it. But if I gnaw away on the tires until they were all flat, that car will get towed away.

Now, you are wondering, "what is this old Master Chief talking about." I'm talking about perseverance, fortitude and integrity. I learned that no matter how many times I run into a parked car, I am not going to move it.

But I have also learned that if I keep gnawing away at the tires, they will go flat. The vehicle will get moved away by

a tow truck.

This means that if I have the perseverance, it will be moved. And that means things will change. And that's what I am telling you -- through perseverance, integrity and fortitude, you can make things change.

I don't care if you are an E1 or O6, you can effect change -- positive change. It just takes a few knots on the head, plenty of perseverance, an ocean full of integrity and personal fortitude.

So now you are wondering, "why is he talking about this." It's because there are some pit bulls gnawing at my tires, and I know they will be flat in the next four years, and I am going to get towed away.

But it will be your continued perseverance, integrity and fortitude that will continue to bring positive change, and keep our force strong and proud. As I am proud of serving you. Keep charging! You are the Navy....

About the Cover

It's an integral part of our Navy way of life ... if you want to be promoted, you need to study and pass the required rating exams. Recently, NAVAIRE Norfolk Selected Reservists took their test on Sunday rather than the traditional Saturday. This gave the opportunity to take care of last-minute problems with evaluations and worksheets. (Photo montage by JOC Stephen Orr)

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Happy Birthday, Naval Reserve Force

by *RADM John B. Totushek*,
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On March 3, 2001, we will celebrate the 86th birthday of the establishment of the United States Naval Reserve. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who serve today so proudly and so well.

In 1915, the concept of a naval manpower pool in reserve was an idea whose time had come. In this new millennium that manpower pool has evolved into a battle-tested and skilled Naval Reserve

force that is the envy of the world.

No one could have imagined 86 years ago the role the modern Naval Reserve would come to play in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Total Force Navy. No one could have foreseen the absolute necessity of having a trained, ready, professional and well-equipped cadre of dedicated men and women voluntarily serving as citizen-Sailors the world over.

Today, our Naval Reserve is recognized as without peer — the world standard by which other reserve navies are judged. We have evolved to the point that the term “Weekend Warrior” no longer applies. You are certainly more than that. You have become a living, breathing part of U.S. Naval Forces — PERIOD!

We have worked long and hard to attain this reputation, and we must continue to work hard to maintain it. We must concentrate on retaining and recruiting qualified men and women. If we don’t get this right, all else is irrelevant.

We will also continue to concentrate on training and training methods, and on acquiring the fleet-compatible hardware we need to stay up to speed. Through it all, we will continue to work closely with fleet manpower personnel to help shape our force into the kind of force our Navy needs to accomplish its missions.

We have come a long way and have established a proud heritage of service. I look forward to the years ahead and of achievements yet to come.

Happy birthday to all of you. Well done!

People at Heart of Nation’s Defense

By *Jim Garamone*
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National defense all comes down to people, President George W. Bush said.

“Peace is earned by strength, and strength begins with the men and women who wear the uniform,” Bush said Feb. 10 during his radio address to the nation. “New weapons and technologies are important, but they are only as effective as the people who use them.”

This is the heart of the Bush defense proposals. During the 2000 presidential campaign, Bush promised to raise pay for service members. He vowed to provide targeted bonuses for service members with special skills and to renovate or build new housing.

Bush said the military must improve the quality of training. “Shortfalls on the proving ground become disasters on the battlefield,” he said during a speech at

the Citadel military college in Charleston, S.C., in September 1999.

Now Bush is elected and it is up to his national security team to translate his promises into programs. Some of these actions will be immediate, others must wait.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld will lead a team examining national security and national defense. He appeared on Fox News Sunday Feb. 11 to speak of the process.

“(Fulfilling defense changes) may indeed mean more money,” Rumsfeld said. “The president of the United States has indicated that he intends to have a \$1 billion-plus pay increase for the men and women of the armed services.”

Other changes must wait on the completion of a defense strategy review. Rumsfeld said the review is important not only to get more funds for DoD, but

to ensure the funds are spent wisely.

“What it means is, the president decided to engage our brains rather than just open the taxpayers’ wallets,” he said. The review will allow Rumsfeld to examine the state of the military then go to the president with recommendations setting priorities.

Part of that review is quality of life issues for the men and women of the armed services, Rumsfeld said. “We have put that in motion,” he said. “The focus has to be on the quality of life for the people, the people are the heart of the armed services.”

“Without the men and women we are



Hon. George W. Bush
Commander-in-Chief

Our new Secretary of Defense

Rumsfeld Forecasts DoD's Path Ahead

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service



Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told reporters he would work toward fielding a national missile defense system and to ensure the services

continue to attract and retain the best people.

Rumsfeld, in his first Pentagon press conference since taking office, also said he would work to improve intelligence gathering.

The challenge the United States' faces "is not as obvious as during the Cold War ... but it's just as noble," Rumsfeld said. The national security mission of the Bush Administration, he said, "is to turn these years of influence into years of peace."

Rumsfeld said he would work to ensure the United States has the world's strongest and most capable military institution.

"A strong military does not guarantee peace and stability in the world," he said. "But we know the opposite is true — that weakness is provocative."

Weakness invites and entices people to do things they would otherwise avoid, he said. "Our task is to fashion deterrence to fit this new national security environment."

"It is important that service members feel they are treated properly," he said,

"that they're valued, that they're appreciated, that they're supported." The military must attract and retain "the kinds of people we need to make sure the armed forces of the United States can do the assignments they face."

One focus of the Bush Administration is to build a National Missile Defense. Rumsfeld said when the ABM Treaty was signed in 1972 technologies and the circumstances in the world were notably different.

"The Soviet Union — our partner in that treaty — doesn't exist anymore," he said. "We're in a very different world. ... The principal threats facing the United States is not the fear of a strategic nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union."

Given the vastly different times and threats facing the United States, the country must fashion offensive and defensive capabilities, he said.

"The president has not been ambiguous about this," Rumsfeld said. "He says he intends to deploy a missile defense capability for our country. He has concluded it is not in the country's best interest to perpetuate vulnerability."

The secretary said the Russians "have to know" that the kind of missile defense capabilities the United States proposes do not threaten them in any way.

"They also have to know if they look around the globe that there are other threats," he said. "There are nations with increasingly capable weapons, that because of the proliferation of technologies are posing threats not just to the United States but to countries in Europe and ultimately Russia."

Rumsfeld said he wants to work with the CIA to improve intelligence capabilities and he had met with Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet. "The United States must fashion [intelligence capabilities] to fit the demands facing us in the world," he said. DoD will work closely with members of the intelligence community to see that President Bush has the best possible information, he added.

Rumsfeld said he is working budget issues and whether there is a supplemental to the fiscal 2001 defense budget is an open question. Any decision in respect to the Base Realignment and Closure process lies ahead of him, he said.

"I'm realistic [about BRAC]," he said. "I look at force structure and believe that base structure ought to reasonably fit it. And to the extent that it doesn't, one obviously has to be respectful of taxpayers' dollars and find ways to do the best possible jobs we can."

Rumsfeld is the first defense secretary to serve twice. He was secretary from 1975 to 1977. "I remember my time here well and with a great deal of pleasure," he said. "It's a wonderful institution. The men and women in uniform are so special and important to our country. Certainly the dedicated civilians here in the department and across the globe do a superb job for our nation."

He said when he agreed to be secretary again, "I thought of President Theodore Roosevelt's observation that 'the best prize life offers is to work hard at work worth doing.' This work is certainly worth doing."

HONORING FALLEN SHIPMATES

Chief corpsman from Cole recalls tragic day

story by JO3 Cara Hunt
staff journalist, NAVAIRE S Norfolk

Members of Portsmouth Det C, along with other medical personnel from the area, heard a moving personal account from HMC (SW) Clifford A. Moser, the independent duty corpsman onboard the USS Cole during the attack on Oct. 12, 2000. Moser was an on-scene eyewitness to the horror in the aftermath of the explosion, and expressed the need for training to the detachment. The medical training given to each crewmember during indoctrination contributed to his shipmates effectiveness in tending to the needs of the injured, he claimed.



HMC (SW) Clifford Moser, independent duty corpsman onboard USS Cole

On the day of the attack, Moser took lunch a bit earlier than usual, hoping to catch a nap before going back to work. Seems he took lunch just about 15 seconds early enough. He had hardly turned the corner coming out of the galley when the explosion fired, lifting the ship and him.

"You'd have expected to hear General Quarters but all you heard was silence," intoned Moser.

Moser made his way to one of the repair lockers where he sent two other Sailors out as investigators. Soon after, other personnel assigned to the locker took over and Moser made his way through the darkness to tend to the injured. The first



The Cole bombing on Oct. 12, 2000 initiated a review of security measures for U.S. Navy ships in foreign ports.

casualty he met was a chief whose path he crossed before he made his way to the area of the explosion. His lower right leg was lacerated and he had burns to the scalp. "You've gotta get up there," the chief told him.

"Overwhelming is the only way to describe what I saw," Moser said.

In the mess, there was an MS3 with a broken femur who had pulled himself up two ladders to evade rising waters. The noise from rushing water coming in the dry storeroom was so loud no one heard him calling for help.



HMC Moser addressed a group of medical personnel from Portsmouth Det C and NAVAIRE S Norfolk (photo by JO3 Cara Hunt)

Crewmembers were already tending to the injured. Moser directed them and administered controlled medicine for pain.

One of the hardest moments, Moser confessed, was telling his shipmates to quit trying to revive a chief. He reported telling them, "He's gone. Move on to someone else." They took his body over to the side and continued to help others.

Another difficult moment for Moser was putting a 19-year-

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VAW 78 AND TACRON 2186 --

Squadron plays host to NAR Norfolk SELRES

*photos by JO3 Cara Hunt
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TACRON 2186 Public Affairs*

On November 18th TACRON 2186 was hosted by the "Fighting Escargots" of VAW-78 in an effort to enhance TACRON 2186's understanding and knowledge of airborne air control.

The visit started with a presentation on the capabilities of the E2-C Hawkeye airborne early warning and control platform. This was followed by a tour of the squadron spaces and an opportunity for TACRON 2186 personnel to view a static display aircraft.

TACRON 2186 then had the opportunity to speak with VAW-78 aircrew about their multiple roles in command and control, search and rescue, and battle-space management.

This visit provided a great opportunity for both reserve units to expand their understanding of one another's missions, as well as a chance to increase camaraderie among the NAR Norfolk units.

